

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

### Spring's First Smile.

Whist man, ever onward, swift fares,  
March laughs, and in face of the rain,  
Goes forth, and in secret prepares,  
To usher in Spring once again.

In silence—all earth-world at rest—  
He soft doth the petals unfold  
Of each daisy daisy's closed breast,  
And chisels their buds from out gold.

In vineyards of fruit and bare vine,  
He piety his magic allure,  
The almond trees powdering with rime,  
From a puff of the swan's breast pure.

Chill winter still rules o'er the scene  
As, falling, the buds and brown,  
He lingers in gorge of green,  
The rose with its crimson-hued gown.

While whistling in hushed undertone  
His bird-notes he carols and thrills,  
With snow-drops the meadows are sown  
And violets nod by the rills.

Unseen in the deep, forest glades  
Where shyly the fallow-deer dwells—  
Unheeding their slivery blades,  
He opens the white lily-bells.

The strawberry red in the field,  
He places that men may enjoy;  
And green leaves for a shield,  
Lest sun-rays should blight or ally.

A faithful and trustworthy king—  
His reign to an end having drawn—  
To April, he cries, taking wing:  
"Hail Spring!"—for the winter is gone.

### Governor Montague at Club.

The announcement of Governor Montague's lecture on General Robert E. Lee drew a large crowd to the Woman's Club last night.

Governor Montague was very gracefully introduced by Miss Jane Ruthven, the president of the club. He began by characterizing his talk as informal in character, but his hearers, nevertheless, were thrilled and electrified by what he said. He dwelt upon General Lee's character in an entirely different manner from that usually heard. He did not call attention to his devotion to the South, but referred to the fact of his sitting down to write his wife a letter, on the thirty-third anniversary of their wedding day, while a hot battle was raging in Petersburg. General Lee's leadership and his influence through that leadership, which enabled him to hold the Southern people in the hollow of his hand; to encourage them to build up and restore a ruined land and become good citizens under a government that had conquered them, was the central thought of Governor Montague's talk. He compared General Lee's influence among his people and in his native section of the country during post-bellum desolation to that exercised by Washington at the close of the Revolution, when the first President brought order out of chaos and restored confidence and stability of government by his lofty leadership.

He did full justice to General Lee's humanitarianism during the five years' civil struggle, illustrating what he said by reference to the famous order No. 73, in which property ordinarily considered the fair prey of the invader, was neutralized by the command of the Southern commander-in-chief.

Governor Montague summed up all that he meant, in conclusion, by calling General Lee the "Sir Galahad" of the South, and declaring that if a time should ever arise in future when invasion of the country must be repelled, the best hope that could be then realized was that some Virginia might find the sword of Lee and know how to wield it. He was enthusiastically applauded.

Guests of the evening including Mrs. Montague, Mr. and Mrs. James Alston Cabell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Christian, Mrs. McCandlish, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland, who are spending some time at the Jefferson Hotel, Mr. Moorehead, the guest in Richmond of Miss Whitfield, and Miss Whitfield, of Norfolk, who came in with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stander.

Miss Helen Montague and Miss Parker were at the sherbet bowl during the reception hour.

**Mrs. Walke Expected.**  
Mrs. Frank Anthony Walke, of Norfolk, was expected to arrive in Richmond last night. She will during her stay turn over to the board of the Home for Neglected Children the beautiful memorial rooms furnished in the Home by the Hope-Maury Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, in Norfolk, of which Mrs. Walke is president.

The rooms are splendidly equipped and the board has the highest appreciation of the sympathy and help they embody on the part of Mrs. Walke and the Norfolk Daughters.

The Bethel Chapter, of Newport News, will furnish a room as a memorial to General J. E. B. Stuart, Mrs. Stuart having at one time been president of that chapter.

**Palmer—Ross.**  
Dr. and Mrs. George Ross announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Fannie, to Mr. William H. Palmer, Jr., the marriage to take place Thursday, June 1st.

**Dixon—Denny.**  
Invitations have been received from the Rev. Collins Denny and Mrs. Denny, of Vanderbilt University, for the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Collins, to the Rev. John Wesley Dixon.

The wedding will be celebrated in Vanderbilt University Chapel, Wednesday, April 26th, at 7 o'clock P. M., and will be an event of much interest to the friends of both the bride and groom here and elsewhere.

**Montgomery—Cox.**  
The wedding of Miss Maude Robertson, Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cox, to Mr. Clarence Gordon Montgomery, was celebrated at 9 o'clock last

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No. 448.

## ... SONG ...

By WILLIAM WATSON.

The portrait, autograph and biographical sketch of William Watson, with other selections from his writings, have already appeared in this series.

O H, like a queen's her happy tread  
And like a queen's her golden head!  
But oh, at last, when all is said,  
Her woman's heart for me!

We wandered where the river gleamed  
'Neath oaks that mused and pines that dreamed,  
A wild thing of the woods she seemed,  
So proud, and pure, and free!

All heaven drew nigh to hear her sing,  
When from her lips her soul took wing;  
The oaks forgot their pondering,  
The pines their reverie.

And oh, her happy queenly tread,  
And oh, her queenly golden head!  
But oh, her heart, when all is said,  
Her woman's heart for me!



This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

evening in Monumental Episcopal Church, the Rev. Robert S. Goodwin, rector of St. John's, being the officiating clergyman.

The bride wore a traveling costume of blue cloth, picture hat and carried Bride roses. The two maids of honor, Miss Hazel Jude and Miss Lee Cole, carried pink carnations and wore white silk frocks with tulle and lace trimmings.

Mr. L. L. Montgomery attended the groom as best man, other members of the bridal party including Mr. Eugene Wise, Mr. Edward Brown, Mr. Bernard Judge and Mr. W. J. Pointz. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, after a bridal trip to the fashionable Florida resorts, will be at home in No. 2210 Church Hill Avenue.

**Mrs. Dellenbaugh at Club.**  
Mrs. Frederick W. Dellenbaugh, of the William H. Crane Company, was the recipient of a very pleasant informal reception tendered her Saturday afternoon in the parlors of the Woman's Club.

Mr. L. R. Dashiell, the chairman of the afternoon, was assisted by the officers of the club in doing the honors.

Mrs. Dellenbaugh gave several delightful recitations from Thackeray, Browning and others, and charmed those who met her with her beauty and her grace of being presented to Mrs. Dellenbaugh. It is hoped by the ladies of the club that she may be induced to come to Richmond at some future date, and give them a Dante or a Browning evening.

**Personal Mention.**  
The Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil, of the Second Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Cecil left yesterday for Selma, Ala. Dr. Cecil will remain a week and Mrs. Cecil will make a visit of about a month.

The Thom Thumb wedding recently given great success will be repeated in Cavalry Baptist Church Friday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Melvin Trevillian, of Ashland, is visiting relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. Douglas Vaughan has returned to her home in Ashland after a short visit to friends in the city.

Mrs. Edward Echols and Miss Harriet Echols, of Staunton, came to Richmond Saturday to see Mr. Echols.

Mrs. Mary Yarbrough, of Staunton, is spending some time with friends in Richmond.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. W. T. Harris, of Danville, was hostess at a delightful bridge while the prize, a handsome horse of Mr. W. R. Alexander, near Cold Harbor, Mr. Drury Miles, of Richmond, and Miss Helen Tunstall, of Tunstall, led the numerous couples through the many intricate and beautiful figures. It was a charming affair from every point of view.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. St. Roseboro, in Fredericksburg, in honor of their guests, Miss Katherine Watkins, sister of Mrs. Roseboro, and Miss Nannie Seddon, of Richmond. Flinch was played a late hour, when delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Myrtle Wolfe has returned from a visit to Mrs. M. J. Payne, in Staunton.

Mr. J. H. Dixon has returned after a very pleasant visit to Rosewood, near Danville.

Miss Mildred Woodward, who is attending the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton is at home for a short visit to her parents.

Mrs. Henry R. Miller, who is spending some time with her friends in Danville, is the guest this week of Mrs. Allen Patton, Jefferson Street.

Miss Urith Green, of Norfolk, has re-

turned to her home, after a pleasant stay with Mr. J. Addison Cooke.

Mrs. George Borton, of Madison county, is visiting relatives in Hanover and Richmond.

Miss Mackie Ingles, of Radford, is under treatment at the Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Thomas H. Netherland and daughter, Miss Grace, have returned to their home in Alexandria, after a visit to friends in Richmond.

Miss Myrtle Edwards, of Newport News, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. A. Reinach, of Cincinnati, is the guest of his son, Mr. Ike Reinach, 506 North Sixth Street.

Mrs. Eliza T. Robinson has returned, after a delightful visit to Miss T. S. Garnett, in Newport News.

Mrs. Edgar Wirt Venable, of Farmville, formerly Miss Mary Skeen, of Covington, Va., is visiting Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hunter, 215 East Franklin Street.

Miss Maude McKenney is visiting her father, Mr. W. J. Branch, in College Place, Norfolk.

Mrs. Cyrus Smithdeal, of Lebanon, Va., is visiting her parents in Richmond.

Mrs. Frances Cheston Murray is the guest of Mrs. John B. Lightfoot, No. 36 North Tenth Street. The officers of the "Cedar Park" is one of the most beautiful of the colonial residences of Maryland, and is the oldest in that State.

Mrs. John Gilliam is visiting Mrs. Charles Slaughter in Ghent, Norfolk.

Miss Louise DuBarry is visiting friends in the city.

The Lynchburg News of Sunday says: Among the young Virginians who are coming to the front in the musical world is Mr. John H. Powell, son of the late John H. Powell, of Richmond. His concert has been among the musical events of the winter in Richmond. Through the friendship of some of our own people he has been invited to visit Lynchburg this week and give a concert at the Hall of Hill City Lodge.

Miss Lula Glaser's appearance at the Academy, of Richmond, suggests her very pleasant connection with the Mississippi table the Confederate Bazaar, in the spring of 1902. The officers of that table who are in the city have a very grateful appreciation of Miss Glaser's help.

The wedding of Miss Grace Sherman Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Christian, granddaughter of Judge Isaac H. Christian, of Charles City county, to Mr. Edward Turner, will be celebrated March 25th, at the Chapel at Providence Forge, New Kent county.

Captain and Mrs. Howell Clayton, recently wedded in Washington, D. C., were given a reception and dance by Captain Clayton's brother officers at Fort Des Moines, on their arrival at their new home last week. Mrs. Clayton was formerly Miss Langhorne, of Lynchburg, Va.

Mrs. J. J. Hickey, after spending two months in New Orleans, has returned to her home in the city.

**Albert G. Willis.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LURAY, VA., March 20.—Mr. Albert G. Willis, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Rappahannock county, is dead at his home, near Washington, this county, aged about sixty years. He is survived by a wife and three children. Mr. Willis had filled many important official positions in his country.

**Mrs. M. J. Hunt,**  
—of—  
Washington, D. C.,  
will exhibit at Hotel Jefferson on  
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AND SATURDAY,  
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room, to which she cordially invites her  
patrons.

## MURPHY'S CYCLING RECORD BROKEN

Ben Munroe Covers Twenty-six  
and Three-quarter Miles  
in an Hour.

Ben Munroe, of Memphis, Tenn., last night made a new indoor unspaced record by riding twenty-six and three-quarter miles in the sixty minutes. Such speed on so small a track is wonderful, and indicates that much in the way of record is to be developed during the week. The first six-day bicycle race ever undertaken in Richmond began last night at 8 o'clock, and will continue until Saturday night. The interest in the great test of endurance and speed promises to grow as the week draws to a close. It was at first thought that the race would be over when the clock reached Saturday night. The opening of the great race last night was witnessed by a large crowd of whom watched the contest with interest from start to finish. At times the loud cheering was general and manifested itself in wild cheers. This was notably the case when a new pacemaker, trailing along in the rear, spurred and took the lead in a fine spurt of speed, and as the flying wheels straightened out in their sinuous speeding course the applause increased constantly.

The prize to be divided among the winners is a purse of \$1,000, divided among the first six riders in the following proportions: First, \$500; second, \$250; third, \$175; fourth, \$125; fifth, \$80, and sixth, \$50. The races are under the sanction of the National Cycling association and are governed by its rules. The seven riders will spin around the track for two and a half hours each night, closing in at midnight. The first night of the race was a tremendous burst of speed and endurance Saturday night.

Several of the riders had to drop out last night for reasons to be given later. But was the first to suffer a collapsed tire, but was soon swinging around the oval again at his old clip. Bardgett went out about the same time, but he, too, resumed the pace a bit later. Lawson also had to stop for repairs to his wheel, and Galwin was the next to drop out. He lost any time getting back in the race.

### Made Good Record.

The great race should have begun at 8 P. M., but the start was delayed and the riders did not get off the shot until 8:15, leaving five minutes to fill out the two and a half hours. Their record was a good one last night, considering the small track. It was at times full of excitement, the spectators, as one after another became pacemaker and reeled off the distance at terrific speed. Whenever a new rider took the lead, the crowd would cheer and roar. Bardgett, who most frequently assumed the role of pacemaker, would shoot out of the bunch and whirl around the track at an amazing pace, with the other six riders strung out behind the crowd would elatedly cheer him on. The skill of the riders enabled them to run through the race without a spill or a mishap of any sort.

Root, Munroe, and Bardgett were apparently the favorites with the crowd, and when any one of the three made a spurt to take the pace in the crowd called their names and urged them on. Though they were going the limit of speed on this track, another thing that interested the crowd was the spectacle of the riders taking nourishment at full speed.

The riders, upon getting off, sped along for five miles, making that distance in just eleven minutes and fifty-three seconds. The crowd was so excited that it was difficult to see the riders. The race was over at 11:15, and the crowd was so excited that it was difficult to see the riders. The race was over at 11:15, and the crowd was so excited that it was difficult to see the riders.

Then came the exhibition of motor cycling by William Saunders, of Boston, and the most exciting event of the evening. The mile was made in one minute and forty-one seconds, according to the official time. The crowd was so excited that it was difficult to see the riders. The race was over at 11:15, and the crowd was so excited that it was difficult to see the riders.

## MISS NANCE O'NEIL APPEARS AS MAGDA

Miss O'Neil, who played "Magda" last night, may have in her the making of a great actress. She has a wonderful voice, vibrant, tender and voluminous, yet it lacks that quality of tenderness and sweetness that would touch the heart. It is like a bell, that rings out clear and true, but there is always the metallic sound of its "iron tongue," and never the softness of the chimes, with its mellow tones.

Miss O'Neil's "Magda" is of her own conception; not that of Sudermann. She is altogether bloodless, lifeless and soulless. Her scenes show that the woman, as bitter as has been her lesson, has yet in her heart the glowing embers of love. She has left behind, and these embers are fanned into a flame, when in the second act she pushes St. Mary's head with her hand, and she cries, weeping, "You have made me a child again." But her tears are all in her handkerchief, where the audience cannot see them. There are no tears in her voice. Clara Morris once in her early days protested that she could not play a crying part and was told to simply "cry" in her throat. That is what Miss O'Neil does in this scene. Some lines that occur in the piece may be quoted to illustrate a point in which Miss O'Neil's portrayal of the role is lacking. The lines are, "bring a little color into a grey background." That is just what Miss O'Neil should do. Her portrayal of "Magda" there is only the grey background, and the color, which should be the reflection of the woman's heart, never comes a glow upon the cold, harsh exterior which she alone shows.

Mr. McKee Rankin gave a splendid portrayal of the character of St. Mary, showing his love and his shame, with an intensity of feeling that was most affecting. Mr. Charles Dalton, as the pastor of St. Mary's, rendered his part with dignity, and was expected of him. The entire piece was admirable. It was a great success, and the production was witnessed by one of the smallest audiences of the season.

**Opera at the Bijou.**  
Had the ability of the company which presented in Captain at the Bijou last night equalled the good will and energy the large audience would have had no occasion to complain. As it was, the company was well equipped for the well known production, and Sousa's tuneful marches were heard, as always, with pleasure.

Miss Louie Kendall, as "Patricia," had a star part. She is pretty and her work was excellent.

The chorus is not up to the Bijou standard and there is a notable lack of dancing.

Edward Englester was "El Capitán." At times he was funny and then, again, not so funny. In the drinking song and the "Song of Zanzibar," he showed to best advantage.

"El Capitán" will be sung to-day, to-morrow night, and again to-morrow night; then comes "Telephone Girl."

"A Madcap Princess" Next.

Lulu Glaser will appear at the Academy to-night in a new opera, "The Princess." It is the joint production of Henry B. Smith and Ludwig Englester. Some excellent songs, it is said, are contained in the production, and it is generally voted that in her latest vehicle Miss Glaser has eclipsed her former brilliant record as a singing comedienne.

## FRENCH WARSHIPS SENT TO CARACAS

Complications Reach Crisis and  
Attempt May be Made to  
Land Forces.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—The French cable complications have reached a crisis, and Minister Bown has informed the State Department that the French minister at Caracas, by instructions of his government, has notified the Venezuelan government that there must be no further proceedings on its part toward the cancellation of the company's franchise or interference with its property. Further, Mr. Bown reports that two French warships have been ordered post haste to Venezuela to act in accordance with the instructions of the French minister. These are the Jurien de La Graviere and the Duplex, now in the Caribbean Sea.

It is the expectation here that the appearance of these ships at La Guaira will cause President Castro to accept the demands of the French minister, and promptly to the demands of the French minister, falling which the minister probably will place the legation in the care of some other minister at Caracas and so aboard one of the warships, thus severing diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela. If the Venezuelan government seizes the cable office near La Guaira it is fully expected that the French warships will make a demonstration, attempt to land a force to recover possession of the property, and if resisted, open fire on the defensive works recently constructed to command the harbor and roadstead at La Guaira.

The Dutch government has lodged a very serious complaint with President Castro against the treatment of its citizens, and may join with France in covering measures.

The French government has not asked the consent of the United States to its proceedings against Castro, and is proceeding on the theory that there will be no intervention of this government. This assumption is correct, providing there is no intention on the part of the French of seizing with a view to its retention any Venezuelan territory.

**FIVE VIRGINIA BOYS  
BITTEN BY MAD DOG**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BALTIMORE, Md., March 20.—Spring Cover, Jr., Earl O. Rear, Norman Cooper, Richard Griffith, Jr., and Preston Culum, boys under fifteen years old, from Winchester, Va., were admitted as patients at the Pasteur department of the City Hospital to-day. They were bitten by a mad dog at home, but are all believed to be out of danger. The boys were accompanied to Baltimore by their parents and Dr. S. P. Latane, of Winchester, and were taken to the hospital at once. The dog was already in the paralytic stage when it attacked them.

## OPENS HEADQUARTERS.

Senator Martin Will Direct His Campaign From This City.

Senator Thomas S. Martin arrived in the city yesterday and opened his headquarters for the senatorial nomination fight in Murphy's Hotel, and from now on he will direct his campaign for the senatorship from this point. The junior senator was as ardent as agreeable to his callers as he has ever been, but, as usual, was chary of talking for publication. He stated, however, that he was here for the purpose of looking after his campaign. So far as known there has been no special difference held during the day, but the senator was kept busy receiving callers and conferring with them, and had many visitors. Up to this time Senator Martin is alone in a few days he will be joined by his secretary and brother, Mr. Leslie Martin, and it is expected also that Mr. J. M. Martin will be engaged at the headquarters. While he may be absent from time to time in other parts of the State, Senator Martin will spend most of his time here and will personally direct his campaign in every detail. He will soon begin active work performing his duties and planning his campaign in detail.

## Petition in Bankruptcy.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the United States District Court by John Conway Thane, a Pullman car conductor, residing in this city. The petitioner states his secured liabilities at \$1,511, secured by deed of trust on a house and lot on Strawberry Street in Henrico county, while the unsecured debts aggregate \$1,093, divided among Richmond merchants, doctors and citizens. The total liabilities are \$2,604, and the assets consist chiefly of the real estate and household goods, and a deed of trust by a local firm of money lenders.

## PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. Peyton Hundley left the city yesterday afternoon for an extended trip through the North. Mr. Hundley expects to be away several months.

Captain and Mrs. E. Jeter Dasher left yesterday for Florida, where they will remain several weeks.

## Mystic Shrines to Meet.

Acacia Temple, Mystic Shrine, will meet in regular session on Thursday night at the Temple, at which time a number of pilgrims will be passed over the hourglass. The Shrine will be one of the best of the year, and members from all over the State will be on hand to help induce the new ones through their difficulties.

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